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WHEREAS, Care-A-Lot Daycare Center was founded in 1982 by Ms. Beverly “Meme” Eargle who originally took care of a total of only three children; and

WHEREAS, due to the excellent child care Ms. Eargle provided, the center rapidly grew to a much larger capacity and a long waiting list by the early 1990’s; and

WHEREAS, in 2010, the Center relocated to its present location at 4215 Thomas Sumter Highway and now accommodates 70 children—some of which are “second generation” children; and

WHEREAS, in February 2009, Ms. Beverly “Meme” Eargle passed away, and left her daughter, Paula Durham to carry on her legacy of providing child care to families of the Sumter community; and

WHEREAS, Paula Durham and the Care-A-Lot Day Care Center continues to provide outstanding child care services by reinforcing family values and the application of Biblical principles of living, preparing children for school with basic skills such as reading writing and numbers, and promoting the health, safety and welfare of its children; and

WHEREAS, Care-A-Lot Day Care Center has provided excellent child care services to families of the Sumter community for the past 30 years and deserves special recognition for providing this wonderful and vital service.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Joseph T. McElveen, Jr., Mayor of the City of Sumter, do hereby proclaim *Wednesday, September 19, 2012* as

**“CARE-A-LOT DAYCARE CENTER DAY”**  
*in the*  
**CITY OF SUMTER**

and urge all citizens to join me in congratulating and expressing thanks to Ms. Paula Durham and the Care-A-Lot Day Care Family for 30 years of outstanding service to the Sumter Community.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Joseph T. McElveen, Jr., Mayor

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Linda D. Hammett, City Clerk